PRESIDENT: A particular society asked for lands. The Government had to decide whether that land is to be acquired or not, whether it is to be ten or twelve acres. The Government have gone into the whole matter and in view to the demand made by the institution they have come to this conclusion. It may be an error of conclusion.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: If the idea is to start a Pre-University school may I take it that the answer to part (*c*) is incorrect?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: The question is "the circumstances that led to the acquisition."

MR. P. O. THOMAS: If the idea to start a College was stopped and only a Pre-University School is to be stated cannot the area be reduced?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: The area was reduced. The original idea was to acquire 35 acres for a College. Subsequently it was decided to start only a School. So the area was reduced to 15 acres.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: ഇതു സ്ഥലം വേണമെന്നും അവിടെ ഇതുകെട്ടിടങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കണമെന്നും തീരുമാനിക്കുന്നതിനു മുൻപായോ സാധുക്കളായ ജനങ്ങളെ അവരവരുടെ താമസസ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും ഇറക്കിവിട്ട് സ്ഥലം കൈവശപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചുവോ?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: ഇതു സ്ഥലം വേണമെന്നും ഇതു കെട്ടിടം വേണമെന്നും തീർച്ചപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഏതെല്ലാം കെട്ടിടം വേണം, അവ ഓരോന്നും ഏതെല്ലാം സംവിധാനങ്ങളിൽ വേണം എന്നു ചോദിച്ചാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

Education Department.

122. *MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to lay on the table, a list of graduates and trained graduates from the backward communities;

(*b*) to state:

(i) how many graduates and trained graduates are now in service;

(ii) whether there are any Assistant Inspectors of Schools from the backward communities;

(iii) whether there are qualified persons among the backward communities for the said post;

(iv) whether any complaints were made for the same; and

(v) if so, what measures were taken by the Government?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*a*) No statistics are available.

(*b*) i. No statistics are available.

ii. No.

iii. Yes, one.

iv. No.

v. In the light of the answer to part (iv) this does not arise.

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RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: Is it because the number of graduates in the backward communities is so large that he is not able to give the answer?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: No, Sir. The answer is given. There are no statistics.

Arabic instruction.

123. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reply of the Dewan given to the Muslim deputation on the question of Arabic instruction in schools?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Government have no idea to discontinue the existing arrangements and curriculum in Primary schools for the teaching of Arabic. If a school or college or institution for teaching Arabic and allied languages or for imparting Koranic instruction were started with the idea of training Muslim youths in Islamic Culture, Government would view such endeavour with sympathy and would be willing to assist such institutions in the same way as they have helped in the formation of an Arabic Chair in the University. Government are not against the members of any religion imparting religious instruction to the followers of that religion and they have repeatedly declared their policy in the matter. This however is quite a different proposition from Government financing not only the programme of compulsory primary education but of paying the cost of maintaining in addition, denominational schools run by private managements and situate in areas wherein Government have undertaken the entire responsibility for primary education.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: Are we to take it that the existing arrangement will continue?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

Food Advisory Taluk Committee in Mavelikara taluk.

124. *MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a Food Advisory Taluk Committee in Mavelikara taluk;

(*b*) if there is one, whether it meets and decides any matter in connection with the food problem; and

(*c*) whether there is any Ezhava member in the Committee?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Food Supplies and Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It meets occasionally and advises the Tahsildar.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: May I know the names of the members of the committee?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I have not got the names, but the one of the members of the committee is an Ezhava.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: May I have at least the number of members of the committee?

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